



September 10, 2018

Re: 2018 Holiday Donations

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Dear Valued Community Member,

The holidays will be upon us very soon. For many, this will be a time of celebration. For others, providing a Thanksgiving or Holiday meal is a financial burden. To bring a little hope into their lives, the City of Colton Community Services Department will host the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 22, 2018 at the Hutton and Luque Community Centers.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner is an authentic, family style, sit-down meal with all of the fixings. While it may be meant for those in need, it is open to everyone seeking a holiday experience. In fact, we have connected many senior guests, who would have had no place to go, with welcoming families during the event. Some families have reported that lasting friendships have been created around these tables and these 'adopted grandparents' have been an amazing gift to them.

Last year, over 500 meals were served and almost 300 to-go meals were picked up for those with homebound loved ones. As tough times continue for so many, we are expecting the same amount of guests this year. For the event to be a continued success, we need your help!

Along with the Thanksgiving Dinner, the Holiday Help program provides financial assistance in the form of a grocery store gift card for families with children in need during the Holiday season. A simple donation of \$5 is enough to help make someone's Holiday a memorable one. Imagine how much a \$25 donation can do?!

Consider a tax-deductible, end of the year gift to help continue these important community programs and others, like our Food Pantry & Clothes Closet Program. All donations go directly to these programs. Upon delivery of your gift, you will receive a thank you letter with our tax identification number for your records.

We have enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. Please make checks out to "*Colton Parks and Recreation Foundation*" with "Thanksgiving Donation" written in the memo line. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer, provide an in-kind donation or want more information about supporting our other programs, please call or email Kelly Phelps, Recreation Coordinator, at 909-370-5568 or kphelps@coltonca.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. DeLaRosa".

Mayor DeLaRosa

Enclosed: Self-Addressed Envelope and Flyer

Cc: Bill Smith, City Manager
Deb Farrar, Community Services Director